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ADDENDUM TO COCOM Document 3416.35/3

COORDINATING COMMITTEE

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

ON

ITEM 1635 - ALLOY STEELS

9th April, 1959

Present:

Belgium (Luxembourg), Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy,

Japan, Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States.

References: COCOM Documents 3016.00/4, 3016.35/1 and 2, 3416.00/1, 2 and 3, 3416.35/1, 2 and 3; COCOM Sub-C(58) 6 and 8; Draft Amendment

Sheet No. 3 to Document 3300.

The GERMAN Belegate referred to the definition of Item 1635(b) shown in Draft Amendment Sheet No. 3 and proposed the insertion of the phrase "containing 50% or more iron". The definition would thus read:

- (b) Nickel-bearing steels, n.e.s., containing 50% or more iron, and containing a total of 32% or more of alloying elements, except such steels containing less than 0.4% titanium or niobium-tantalum.
- The UNITED KINGDOM Delegate stated that within the next day or so his Delegation would submit a memorandum on the subject of nickel-bearing steels in general. He asked the Committee to take note that his Delegation were therefore giving notice, prior to the expiry of the time limit on the 15th April, that they objected to the definition of Item 1635 in toto. He suggested that on the 16th April the Committee might decide upon what date the new United Kingdom momorandum (to be numbered COCOM 3416.35/4) should be discussed.
- 3. In response to the German Delegate's proposal regarding one phrase "containing 50% or more iron", the United Kingdom Delegate stated Cartygentum that he would prefer that this phrase should be inserted in the general heading in order to govern all the sub-items, as follows:

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of the following constituents: (See Interpretative Note No. 6.)

(a) (1) 10% or more molybdenum (but 5% or more molybdenum in any alloys containing more than 14% chromium); or

(2) 6% or more cobalt except permanent magnetic metals with a cobalt content of 25% or less; or (NOTE: Governments may permit as administrative exceptions exports of small quantities of narrow strips for watch springs. Such shipments should be reported in the monthly

statistics.) (3) 1.5% or more niobium and/or tantalum;

(The remainder of the definition to be studied further see paragraph 2 above.)

The UNITED STATES Delegate stated that he was not prepared to give an answer to the German proposal at the present meeting and would seek instructions. He would reply under "Other Business" as soon as possible.

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- The FRENCH Delegate pointed out that the inclusion of the phrase "containing 50% or more iron" in the general heading would certainly lead to complications for the authorities of those countries which had adopted the Brussels Nomenclature. This classified alloys of common metals according to the common metal having the greatest weight. For nickel, however, the present the following exception was made: alloys of common metals containing 10% of nickel by weight were classified with nickel save in eases where iron predominated in weight over each of the other constituents. The Delegate therefore considered that it would have been more rational without in any way changing the meaning of the prohibitions agreed in the Coordinating Committee to have been guided by this classification. Nevertheless, in order to reach unanimous agreement, the French Delegation would accept provisionally the general heading proposed for this item, in the hope that the United Kingdom Government, once they had adopted the Brussels Nomenclature, would agree to a revision of the question.
- 6. The Committee AGREED that on the 16th April a date would be set for further discussion as to the definition of Item 1635, in the light of the foregoing and after submission of the new United Kingdom Memorandum.

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